

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

GRADE 7

COMPONENT	OBJECTIVES	COMPETENCY
I Basic Operations and Concepts	 Demonstrate an understanding of concepts underlying hardware, software, and connectivity by using: appropriate technology for each subject area; a variety of input devices; output devices appropriately; storage devices appropriately; files from a variety of sources; and a variety of software programs. Apply strategies for identifying and solving routine hardware and software problems that occur during every day use. 	 A. Given a content specific assignment, use appropriate technology to complete the task, such as: a calculator to solve ratio and proportion problems, and use compact disc atlases to find the major topographical features in a geographic area. B. Use appropriate multimedia software to create an interdisciplinary presentation on a specific country or geographic region, or another selected topic.
II Technology Tools Productivity Research Problem-solving Decision-making	 Use content specific tools, software, and simulations, such as: a word processing program to perform basic text formatting, implementing user preferred settings; a database program to perform basic sort, search, and reporting techniques; a spreadsheet program to create graphs and manipulate data; and environmental probes and calculators. Design, develop, publish, and present products using technology resources that demonstrate and communicate curriculum concepts to audiences inside and outside the classroom, using the following:	 A. Use appropriate application software to prepare a research document that includes illustrations, statistical reports, and charts/ graphs, such as: a database to identify life forms and major geological events that occurred during each of the geological eras. B. Use appropriate multimedia software to create an interdisciplinary presentation on Florida government or other civics topics. C. Compare and contrast headline or feature articles of various online newspapers on a specific day.



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III Technology Communication Tools	 Collaborate with peers, experts, and others using technology tools to investigate curriculum related problems, issues, and information to develop solutions. Such as: send and receive individual or group email messages; initiate a search on the Internet for a specific topic and cite the location (<i>Internet address</i>); cite a variety of online resources used to locate information; and use a variety of media as an information resources:	 A. Use online resources to communicate electronically with students from other schools around the country and the world, to initiate simultaneous research based projects such as, exploring a common environmental issue. B. Given a particular topic, use online and offline resources to research: the evolution of math tools or the influence of history on the fine arts: music, painting, or sculpture.
IV Social, Ethical, and Human Issues	 Demonstrate knowledge of current changes in information technologies and the effect those changes have on the workplace and society. Exhibit legal and ethical behaviors when using information technology and explain the consequences of misuse. Include: demonstrate a familiarity of all aspects of copyright laws as they pertain to technology; adhere to the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' <i>Acceptable Use Policy</i>; and identify appropriate sources of information. 	 A. Write an essay that describes the consequences of inappropriate uses of technology. B. Obtain information from various electronic sources related to a specific topic, summarize the information, then search for conflicting information, and draw conclusions. C. After reading and discussing Miami-Dade County Public Schools' <i>Acceptable Use Policy</i>, students will exhibit appropriate behavior when participating in telecommunications activities.